

REMARKS

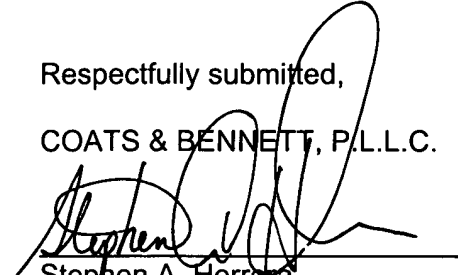
The Examiner rejected claim 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by the patent to Duke. Anticipation under §102 requires the disclosure of each and every limitation of a claimed invention in a single piece of prior art. However, Duke fails to teach any of the elements of claim 19. In the Office Action, the Examiner merely asserts that the support (24) of Duke is the claimed hold-down member. The remainder of the rejection is simply a recitation of Applicant's claim language. The Examiner never offers any evidence (e.g., a cite) attributable to Duke that would support the rejection. This is not surprising, as the Duke patent does not contain any evidence for the rejection. The Duke support is intended to prop up the sewer drain line. There is nothing to prevent the sewer drain line in Duke from being lifted off the support. The claimed invention, in contrast, secures the sewer drain line to prevent the sewer drain line from being lifted into the air. Duke fails to anticipate claim 19 under §102.

The Examiner also rejected claim 1 under §103(a) as being unpatentable over King. Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the sewer drain line that connects the sewer outlet of the recreational vehicle to the sewer inlet. Because King does not teach or suggest a sewer drain line, it cannot teach or suggest claim 1. Thus, the §103 rejection fails as a matter of law.

In light of the amendments and the above remarks, Applicant believes the claims are now in condition for allowance, and therefore respectfully requests the allowance of all pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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